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Title: HELICOPTER BLADE ASSEMBLY ADAPTED  
TO PERMIT RAPID FORWARD FLIGHT



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
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20 Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2000,  
amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

25 On Page 1, line 4, after "This application" please add  
-- is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 09/328,931  
B1 filed June 9, 1999, which --

On page 2, line 12, after "generates lift." add  
30 -- Skilled persons will recognize that because the virtual  
B2 disk is defined by the rotation of the blades, the above  
statement must indicate that as the blades rotate and sweep  
out the virtual disk, that virtual disk is pushed and